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Applicant : Christopher Haywood, et al.
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Title : DEDICATED BANDWIDTH DATA COMMUNICATION SWITCH
BACKPLANE
Grp./Div. : 2665
Examiner : Steven HD Nguyen
Docket No. : 39892/JEC/X2/111480

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Commissioner:

Please enter the following amendment prior to a substantive examination of this application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 4-8 without prejudice in accordance with the Examiner's restriction requirement mailed March 22, 2002. Please add new claims 9-13 as follows. The now pending claims are as follows:

1. A dedicated bandwidth data communication switch backplane, comprising:
 - a plurality of switching controllers; and
 - a plurality of packet buses, each packet bus having a root interfacing with a different one of the switching controllers and a